



## **Sheila Dixon**

*Mayor,  
Baltimore*

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### **Mayor Dixon Launches the Sustainability Office as a Part of Her Cleaner, Greener Baltimore Initiative**

#### **Candidates sought for membership on the City's new Sustainability Commission**

Baltimore, MD (July 17, 2007) – As a part of her ongoing commitment to a Cleaner, Greener, Healthier Baltimore, Mayor Sheila Dixon has established a Sustainability Manager position in the Department of Planning, who will develop a sustainability and environmental management program for the City of Baltimore.

“As we continue to move Baltimore forward and bring in new residents and new development, I am committed to ensuring the long-term environmental stability of our communities,” Mayor Dixon said. “The new Sustainability Manager will help us create and maintain the green spaces, tree canopy and quality environment we all deserve.”

The Sustainability Manager, under the direction of the Director of Planning, will oversee the implementation of the sustainability plan and represent the city's interest with boards, commissions, and organizations regarding environmental management.

In addition to the Office of Sustainability, the Commission on Sustainability is being formed to oversee development of a sustainability plan for the City of Baltimore and to offer advise on the plan's implementation. The sustainability plan will address environmental areas of concern such as air quality, resource conservation and recycling, energy, public health, environmental justice, reduction of greenhouse emissions, transportation and other issues.

The 21-member commission will be comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders inclusive of representatives from community organizations, environmental groups, labor unions, public health and environmental justice advocates, private industry, city agencies, city council, the Mayor's Office and persons with general interests in environmental issues.

“By combining the efforts of the Mayor's Office, city agencies, stakeholder groups and the citizens of Baltimore, we will achieve a cleaner, greener, and ultimately, safer, healthier Baltimore for generations to come,” the Mayor said. “I am especially appreciative of the leadership shown by Councilman Jim Kraft on this important quality of life issue.”

Those interested in volunteering for the commission should submit a resume and letter of interest  
By August 10, 2007 to:

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